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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1499**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Lowenthal and Shelley**  
**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aroner, Calderon,**  
**Firebaugh, Jackson, Keeley, Knox, Kuehl, Machado,**  
**Romero, Strom-Martin, Washington, and Wildman)**  
*(Coauthors: Senators Escutia, Hughes, Polanco, Solis, and*  
*Vasconcellos)*

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An act to add Section 15655 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to human services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1499, as amended, Lowenthal. Elder and dependent abuse reporting: training.

Existing law requires mandated reporters to report instances of abuse of elder or dependent adults.

This bill would specify that long-term health care facilities; ~~or community care facilities, and other nonmedical out-of-home care facilities~~ that provide care to adults shall provide training to their staff in recognizing and reporting elder and dependent adult abuse.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 15655 is added to the Welfare  
2 and Institutions Code, to read:

3 15655. (a) (1) Each long-term health care facility, as  
4 defined in Section 1418 of the Health and Safety Code; *or*  
5 community care facility, as defined in Section 1502 of the  
6 Health and Safety Code, ~~or any other nonmedical~~  
7 ~~out-of-home care facility~~ that provides care to adults shall  
8 provide training in recognizing and reporting elder and  
9 dependent adult abuse, as prescribed by the Department  
10 of Justice. The Department of Justice shall, in cooperation  
11 with the State Department of Health Services and the  
12 State Department of Social Services, develop a minimal  
13 core training program for use by these facilities. As part  
14 of that training, long-term care facilities, including  
15 nursing homes and out-of-home care facilities, shall  
16 provide to all staff being trained a written copy of the  
17 reporting requirements and a written notification of the  
18 staff's confidentiality rights *as specified in Section 15633*.

19 (2) Compliance with paragraph (1) shall be  
20 completed by January 1, 2001, or, if the facility begins  
21 operation after July 31, 2000, within six months of the date  
22 of the beginning of the operation of the facility.

23 (b) Each long-term health care facility, as defined in  
24 Section 1418 of the Health and Safety Code, shall be  
25 subject to review by the State Department of Health  
26 Services Licensing and Certification Unit for compliance  
27 with the duties imposed in subdivision (a).

28 (c) Each community care facility, as defined in Section  
29 1502 of the Health and Safety Code, ~~or nonmedical~~  
30 ~~out-of-home care facility~~ shall be subject to review by the  
31 State Department of Social Services Community Care  
32 Licensing Unit for compliance with the duties imposed in  
33 subdivision (a).

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